

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SAN SA 00247 181525Z  
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SP-02 /017 W  
-----043954 181546Z /46

P R 181411Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6682  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SAN SALVADOR 00247

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), XK, ES  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

1. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
TODMAN'S BREAKFAST WITH PDC LEADERS ON JANUARY 27.

QTE. MARCH ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYORS.  
I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PDC AND ITS TWO ASSOCIATES IN THE UNO  
COALITION HAVE DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH 12  
ELECTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYORS DESPITE  
ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT ROMERO THAT ALL PROPERLY REGISTERED  
PARTIES COULD COMPETE AND THAT THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE  
CONDUCTED ON AN HONEST BASIS. I AM AWARE OF THE FACT THAT  
THE PDC LEADERSHIP HAD BEGUN A DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENT ROMERO  
CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS SOME MONTHS AGO AND THAT YOUR PARTY  
FELT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD FAILED TO FLOW THROUGH  
WITH ANY MEANINGFUL CHANGES IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.  
HOWEVER, I QUESTION WHY THE PDC IN PARTICULAR CHOSE NOT  
TO TEST PRESIDENT ROMERO'S GUARANTEES BY FIELDING A  
SLATE OF CANDIDATES. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING  
WHAT YOUR PARTY WOULD CONSIDER TO BE MINIMAL CHANGES  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SAN SA 00247 181525Z

AND GUARANTEES THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN  
FUTURE ELECTIONS. I WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING  
WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PARTY OR OTHER POLITICAL GROUPINGS  
HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE PRESIDENT THE POSSIBILITY OF  
INVITING IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS FOR ELECTIONS FROM THE  
UN, THE OAS OR OTHER NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

QTE. THE UNO COALITION. I AM INTERESTED IN SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THIS COALITION, THE PRINCIPAL QUESTION BEING WHY THE PDC, WHICH REPRESENTS ROUGHLY 80 PERCENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COALITION, NEEDS TO BE JOINED WITH THE OTHER TWO PARTIES WHICH REPRESENT A DIFFERENT IDEOLOGY AND ARE FAR MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND AMNY SALVADORANS TO ACCEPT AND COMMUNICATE WITH THAN YOUR OWN. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT ELEMENTS OF YOUR PARTY WOULD LIKE TO DISSOLVE THE COALITION BUT, UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, YOUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE INCLUDED ALL THREE PARTIES.

QTE. HUMAN RIGHTS. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT AS TO THE PRESENT STATE OF OBSERVANCE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR AT THE PRESENT TIME. I WOULD APPRECIATE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES, POLITICAL PRISONERS AND POLITICAL EXILES, SPECIFICALLY THE CASES OF COL. CLARAMOUNT AND NAPOLEON DUARTE. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON WHETHER YOU FEEL THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS SINCE PRESIDENT ROMERO TOOK OFFICE LAST JULY. UNQTE.

2. CONVERSATION WITH THE PDC WILL HAVE TO BE IN SPANISH. NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS, POSSIBLY UP TO FOUR, WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS RECEIVED.  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 SAN SA 00247 181525Z

DEVINE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 18 jan 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978SANSAA00247  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780027-0031  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** SAN SALVADOR  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780150/aaaabpnj.tel  
**Line Count:** 95  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** f5023ce2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3755124  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN  
**TAGS:** OVIP, XK, ES, (TODMAN, TERENCE A)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/f5023ce2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014